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C O N F I D E N T I A L PHNOM PENH 3401

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SUBJECT: CONVOY- POL SUPPLIES

1. TWO TANKERS ARRIVED WITH YESTERDAY' S CONVOY, BOO HEUNG 1 AND MEKONG TRADER. THE TWO OF THEM BROUGHT 335 CUBIC METERS (CM) OF KEROSENE, 1,100 CM OF AUTO DIESEL, 720 CM OF MOGAS AND 680 CM OF FUEL OIL. BOTH GOT HIT, BOO HEUNG 1 BY FOUR B4 1 ROCKETS RESULTING IN A LOSS OF ABOUT 100 CM OF THE KEROSENE IT CARRIED AND MEKONG TRADER BY TWO ROCKETS BUT THAT DAMAGED ONLY THE SUPERSTRUCTURE.

2. ADDITIONAL SEVEN TANKERS WERE SCHEDULED TO ARRIVE TODAY (APRIL 9 TH) . THEY WERE BOO HEUNG 9, HAN SEUNG 2, BOO HEUNG 7, YU CHANG, VIRA 2, KHMER TRADER AND BAYON TRADER. THEY STARTED AS SCHEDULED AND SOME OF THEM ARE ALREADY SUPPOSED TO BE PAST NEAK LEUNG, HOWEVER, ALL WERE ATTACKED; BOO HEUNG 9 MOST SERIOUSLY PUTTING THE VESSEL ON FIRE. THE CREW HAD TO ABANDON THE VESSEL AS THE DANGER OF EXPLOSION WAS IMMINENT. HAN SEUNG 2 AND BOO HEUNG 7 MANAGED TO RUN THE GAUNTLET AND CONTINUE TO PHNOM PENH. HAN SEUNG 2 CARRIES 500 CM OF MOGAS, 500 CM OF KEROSENE AND 500 CM OF AUTO DIESEL. BEE HEUNG 7 CARRIES 400 CM OF
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INDUSTRIAL DIESEL AND 1,000 CM OF FUEL OIL. YU CHANG, VIRA 2, KHMER TRADER AND BAYON TRADER WERE FORCED TO RETURN BACK TO TAN CHAU. UNFORTUNATELY, YU CHANG WAS BRINGING 150 CM OF JP-4 (OVER 7 DAYS OF SUPPLY), THE PRODUCT WHICH IS MOST CRITICALLY NEEDED. AS OF NOW, THERE IS NO JP-4 ON HAND IN PHNOM PENH CIVILIAN STORAGE FACILITIES. WE UNDERSTAND THE MILITARY STILL HAS ABOUT 2-3 DAYS OF SUPPLY AND HAS REQUESTED ITS AIRLIFT BEGINNING APRIL 10 TO BUILD IT TO A 5 DAY SUPPLY LEVEL UNTIL NORMAL RESUPPLY VIA THE MEKONG CAN BE REESTABLISHED. SWANK

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